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RICHMOND MENTO HAVE LOVE FEAST

Elegant Banquet to Be Given by Chamber of Commerce May 22.

SEVERAL PROMINENT MEN

Messrs. Joseph Bryan, J. C. Freeman, E. G. Leigh, Jr., Will Deliver Addresses.

The Chamber of Commerce will give an elaborate banquet to its members on Tuesday, May 22, for the purpose of furthering the interests of Richmond. The invitations were sent out Saturday, and are of the most elegant workmanship. Beneath the organizations coat-of-arms, embossed in gold, is the following invitation, handsomely engraved in script type: "The Chamber of Commerce of Richmond, Virginia, extends a cordial invitation to you to participate in a banquet to be given under the auspices of the Chamber, at Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening, May the twenty-second, at eight o'clock. Please reply promptly."

A small card is also enclosed to be returned with the acceptance. Each plate will cost \$6.

No pains have been spared to make this one of the most representative gatherings ever held in Richmond. The speakers will be drawn from the most prominent men in business and social Richmond, persons who are most interested in the welfare of the city's future.

The banquet is the outcome of a suggestion by the board. The welfare of the city will be more advanced by having a friendly conference of this sort, than by any other way. It has been under consideration for at least a month, and all to whom it was proposed have given the scheme their hearty endorsement.

Committee in Charge. The committee on arrangements, the chairman of which is Mr. Henry W. Wood, is divided into subcommittees, as follows: Invitations—E. C. Laird and T. C. Williams, Jr.

Reservations—J. S. Bryan and H. W. Wood. Spenters—W. S. Rhoads and Colonel J. B. Purcell.

The invitation subcommittee has not yet handed in the list of the invited guests.

The speakers for the occasion and their subjects have been announced as follows: First—"Richmond's many advantages, and how to make the most of them"—Mr. Joseph Bryan.

"The value of manufacturing to a community and the special advantages possessed by Richmond in this respect, as shown by the success of its large number of successful plants."

"Our future prospects for development. If we properly present our many advantages—climate, social, commercial and industrial—to the class of people throughout the world who are looking for just such facilities as we have to offer."

Second—"The value of publicity in the development of our city"—Mr. J. C. Freeman.

"What publicity has done for other cities and what publicity reasonably may be expected from Richmond if her citizens promptly and heartily co-operate in a movement for proper and widespread publicity of the many advantages we have to offer to home-seekers, investors and manufacturers."

Third—"The Chamber of Commerce"—E. G. Leigh, Jr.

"What the Chamber has accomplished for Richmond and the plans mapped out for her future development."

"When we are ahead it is a good time to work."

MANY PAID UP.

Rush Made on the City Treasurer's Office As to Poll Tax.

A great number of delinquents filed into City Treasurer's office this morning, and the office was crowded with them. They were all paid up, and the office was cleared of them.

The Governor had never visited the institution before, and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the fine work being done by the school. Governor Swanson returned to the city about 10 o'clock last night, and received a large number of callers at the mansion.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Much Interest Is Being Displayed in Local Politics on the Southside.

PRESENT MEMBERS TO RUN

Death of Mr. Tignor—Two Boys Go to Reformatory.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, 1102 Fifth Street.

Great interest is being displayed in all four of the wards of Manchester in the coming city elections for the Common Council, and the several candidates are all out in the field working to secure votes.

In the First Ward, Mr. Wakefield, president of the Council, is running for re-election, and it is said, has an opponent in the person of Mr. Leroy Brown. It is impossible to state the chances of the latter in definite terms at present.

In the Fourth Ward, Mr. "Dick" Ferguson is being opposed by Mr. R. V. Owens, who has but lately moved into this ward, and who was formerly in the Council as a member from Third Ward. Both men are strong, and Mr. Ferguson is probably more favorably known in his ward and is very popular among his clientele. He is the father of many popular ordinances, and has always represented his ward in a most faithful and efficient manner.

In the Second Ward, Mr. C. L. Pettit is being opposed, it is said, by Mr. W. L. Welch. Mr. Pettit has been in the Council for some time, and has taken a conspicuous part in all the debates over sundry questions. Mr. Welch's position is hardly determinate yet. The other two members from Second Ward are Mr. B. A. Nunnally, who was appointed to fill Mr. Grizzard's place some time ago, after the latter had moved out of town, and Mr. D. L. Toney, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. A. J. Daffron, who removed from the ward he was representing. Both appointees are up for election.

Things are going quietly now, but there is a deep undercurrent of interest being displayed, though it is likely that most of the present members will be returned.

Death of Mr. P. M. Tignor. Mr. P. M. Tignor, of No. 908 Semmes Street, died yesterday morning in his residence at 7:45 o'clock.

Mr. Tignor had been in ill health since last September, and had been confined to his bed for a number of weeks. He was fifty-seven years of age. He was a blacksmith by trade. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 10 o'clock this afternoon, the services to be conducted by Rev. Dr. R. W. Criddle, pastor of Stockton Street Baptist Church. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Boys Go to Reformatory. Mayor Maurice yesterday morning sentenced Manley Ferguson and Herbert Cox, the two boys charged with breaking into R. D. Pulliam's store and stealing cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, to the State Reformatory. After hearing the case the Mayor deemed that the culprits are too young to be sent to the penitentiary, and accordingly sent them to the Reformatory.

The case of Alton Hill, colored, charged with beating his wife, was again postponed by request of his counsel, Mr. Willis C. Pulliam.

Miss E. Stanley, of Mason Park, is very ill in her home.

Miss Mary F. Markham, of Norfolk, who is visiting in the home of Mr. Spencer T. Hancock, of West Fifteenth Street, is very ill.

Evangelistic services will be conducted this week in the Presbyterian Church by Rev. C. L. Likanfeller. The services will be held each evening at 8:15 o'clock.

The Pierce Amusement Company, which is now touring the South, will open up a large carnival here, commencing next Monday.

The Manchester division of the Glass Blowers' Union have elected Mr. T. F. Brannan a delegate to the national convention to be held at Atlantic City in July.

Messrs. Paul Powell, Henry Kelley and Master Garland Kelley are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Mattie Walker, of East Eleventh Street.

Mr. James Powell and his nephew, Mr. Walter Bookman, of Covington, Va., will spend the week visiting relatives in Manchester, Chesterfield and Richmond.

Mrs. J. G. Price, of Columbia, S. C., and her sister, Miss Mary Harper, of New York, are visiting Mr. M. B. Staples at 1522 Porter Street.

Mrs. David Burgett, of Danville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Archie Pettigrew, on West Eighth Street.

PUBLIC LIBRARY. To those interested in the library movement in Virginia, the meeting of the Virginia Library Association, on Wednesday evening, May 31, at eight o'clock, in the State Capitol, will offer an opportunity to hear the judges of the "Public Library for Richmond" and the "proposed meeting of the American Library Association convention here in 1907" fully discussed.

Mayor McCarthy and Dr. S. C. Mitchell will be the speakers of the evening, and they will be followed by Dr. William E. Dodd and Librarian E. S. Evans. It is also expected that, if the slides can be obtained, there will be stereoscopic illustrations of the public libraries throughout the country. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Alaska Packers' Association, who can the Argo Red Salmon, has the largest fleet in number of any shipping firm sailing under the American flag. It owns fifty-five steamers and fifteen sailing vessels, and has many more. That is why Argo can be sold at fifteen cents per can.

SADLY IN NEED OF MORE FUNDS

San Francisco Sufferers Are Yet in Desperate Circumstances and All Help Is Desired.

TREASURER HILL'S REPORT

Not Much Received Yesterday. Governor Pardee Writes. Gratitude.

Treasurer W. M. Hill, of the Citizens' Relief Committee, is authority for the statement that there is plenty of room for more contributions, these being great need of money, funds among the Red Cross officials who are dispensing money and food to the unfortunate in the great disaster in San Francisco.

Up to date just \$1,737.58 have been contributed, an amount creditable to the State and this city, with the large portion of the fund came. During the last few days, however, the contributions have become somewhat slack, and yesterday less than two hundred dollars were recorded, representing the gifts in checks and money for two days. As the need for clothing and funds has in no wise abated, among the homeless and stricken people of San Francisco, there is yet a chance for those who have already given to make additional contributions, and for those who have not done so at all to put their hands in their trouser pockets and contribute liberally.

Governor Pardee Right. In a letter of thanks, for the \$2,000 which has already been sent West to the Red Cross, Governor Pardee writes as follows to Chairman Valentine of the relief committee:

Executive Department, State of California, Sacramento, April 20, 1906. Mr. Henry Lee Valentine, Chairman, Relief Committee, Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your telegram of April 27th, which was received April 29th, authorizing the proper officers of the Red Cross Society of California to draw on William M. Hill, Treasurer, Citizens' Relief Committee of Richmond, Va., for seven thousand dollars. Adding this to previous remittances, a total of twelve thousand dollars is acknowledged.

I again desire to express my deep appreciation of the assistance rendered by the generous people of Richmond.

Very truly yours, H. C. PARDEE, GOVERNOR.

Received Yesterday. The contributions received by Treasurer Hill yesterday are as follows: Previously acknowledged \$17,375.38

Bowling Green Baptist Church, through J. J. Williams 21.00

Citizens of Stuart, Va. 7.00

Junior Epworth League, M. E. 41

Waynesboro, Va. 2.50

Belthel M. E. Church, in King Castle, Va. 5.10

Cash 50

H. W. Ellerson 5.00

Through Southside Sentinel, Urbanna, Va. 10.50

Baptist Church at Louisa 15.11

Baptist Sunday School at Fincastle, Va. (Additional) 1.35

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, through W. E. Tume 5.00

George F. Farrar 1.00

Presbyterian Church at Bon Air, Va. 10.70

Church Mayor S. R. Buxton, Richmond 61.00

West View Baptist Church, Richmond 38.52

Total \$17,517.95

GOING CAREFULLY OVER SITUATION

CITY ELECTORAL BOARD DELIBERATELY

About Appointment of Election Officers.

The City Electoral Board held a meeting in the office of President James Caske yesterday evening, and considered the matter of appointing judges and clerks to conduct elections in Richmond. The other two members, Judge D. C. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Hinchman were present, and about two hours of time was consumed in a preliminary conference. The board has already named the registrars and is now considering the judges and clerks. Several of the gentlemen named as registrars have declined to serve for business reasons, and the places have been filled by the board, but the new appointments have not indicated their purposes in the matter so far. Until the board has decided on the list, the entire list has been printed, and the names of the registrars and judges and clerks are not known.

"We have reached no conclusions as to the appointment of judges and clerks," said Mr. Richardson, "but we have simply been going over a list of names with the view of making selections."

Judge Richardson will be out of the city today, so the next meeting will be to-morrow evening. Another will be held Friday, and the work may be completed Saturday.

SEMINARY TRUSTEES TO MEET TO-DAY

Important Matter Relating to Increase of Endowment Will Come Up.

At the annual meeting of Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary will begin this morning at 10 o'clock in Watts Hall, under the presidency of Mr. Geo. W. Watkins, the annual meeting of the trustees of the institution, who have been called to a special interest will be considered, concerning the financial condition of the institution. The final report will be made as to the results of the vigorous canvass which has been conducted during the past eight months by the synods of Virginia and North Carolina, for an increase of the endowment fund of the Seminary. To all cash contributions thus received, twenty-five per cent will be added by a friend of the institution, who has already contributed generously to its equipment.

This evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, the annual reception will be given to the members of the graduating class, by the trustees of the Seminary. Brief farewell addresses will be made.

The closing exercises will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, when Rev. Dr. A. A. Hopkins, of Charleston, S. C., will deliver the address and confer degrees upon the members of the graduating class.

AFFIDAVITS IN PRIMARY CASE

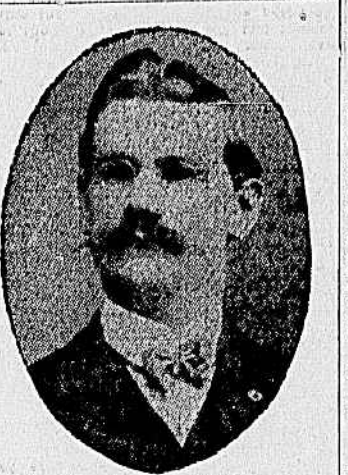
Committee Gives Complainants Time to Gather Evidence As to First Jefferson.

THEN CONSIDER REOPENING

Mr. Selph Believes Twenty-five Will Swear They Voted for Him in Precinct.

A recount of the votes cast in the recent municipal primary at the First Precinct of Jefferson Ward will be ordered by the City Democratic Committee, provided the complainants or any of them can produce any reasonable evidence upon which to base such recount.

This was the result of a meeting of the committee held at Murphy's last night, when a resolution was adopted fixing Wednesday night, May 16th, as the time



MR. JOHN A. SELPH, narrowly defeated candidate for Common Council, who is vigorously contesting the result.

for hearing preliminary evidence looking to a reopening of the matter.

Though two other names were signed to the list of the candidates complaining of the count at First Jefferson, yet only Mr. John A. Selph, who is really leading the fight, made his appearance.

Mr. Selph was heard briefly and it was quickly agreed that he be given ample time in which to secure his evidence. He said he would like until the 16th, and this date was cheerfully fixed, and Mr. Selph requested to be on hand with his affidavits, and other evidence upon which he expects to base his fight for a recount. If the committee shall be satisfied then, that there were irregularities at First Jefferson, this precinct will be recounted, and the result certified according to such recount.

Request for Hearing. The committee was convened shortly after 8 o'clock with Chairman Doherty presiding.

More than a quorum of members answered to their names, and Secretary Duke read the following letter from the candidates who are registering complaint:

"Richmond, Va., May 5, 1906. 'Mr. James B. Doherty, Chairman City Democratic Committee, Richmond, Va. 'Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned desire to contest the election returns as certified to by the election officers from the First Precinct of Jefferson Ward."

"We base our contest on the following reasons: That a number of voters at said precinct are willing to submit affidavits to the effect that the number of votes certified to by election officers of said precinct are not in accordance with their choice as expressed at the polls."

"Your very truly, 'JOHN A. SELPH, 'E. M. (Ned) NOBLE, 'JOSEPH C. PHILLIPS."

Says He's No Kicker. "I do not wish to appear as a 'kicker,'" said Mr. Selph, when called upon by the chair for any statement he might desire to make. "But at least twenty-five of us voted for me in the primary, and the returns only give me eighteen."

Captain Thompson asked Mr. Selph if he knew if any votes had been thrown out here on the ground of irregularities, and the latter answered that he thought one or two had been so thrown out.

"Have you done anything along the line of getting tangible evidence upon which to base a recount?" asked Secretary Duke.

"I have secured no affidavits yet," was the answer, "but I am sure I can get them as I have the list, and it contains the names of responsible persons."

"I propose to go around to these voters with a notary public and ask them if they voted for me."

There was a good deal of discussion among the members, but it was all with the view of fixing a proper date for the preliminary hearing, all favoring that the complainants be afforded the opportunity to bring whatever case they may have.

Will Bring Trunk. The trunk containing the books and ballots, which is now in a safety vault at the Virginia Trust Company, will be brought up by a sub-committee, composed of representatives of the complainants. The sub-committee is composed of Messrs. Shield, W. A. Evans, Welsh, Bowman and Tyler.

Mr. Selph indicated a desire for an official list of the voters of First Jefferson, but the chair said the only list the committee had was in the sealed trunk though one might be secured from the registrar or the clerk of the Hustings Court.

In the recent election the vote stood thus between Councilman Gates in Jefferson Ward:

1 2 3 4 Total
Gates 10 15 37 35 51
Selph 10 15 37 35 51

Wouldn't Be Enough. It will be seen that Selph ran only seventeen behind Mr. Gates in the final wind up. A change of nine votes from Gates to Selph would have nominated the latter by a majority.

If Mr. Selph secures only twenty-five certificates this evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, the annual reception will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, when Rev. Dr. A. A. Hopkins, of Charleston, S. C., will deliver the address and confer degrees upon the members of the graduating class.

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Mr. Selph said, however, after the meeting that he might get as many as thirty or thirty-five. He knew personally of

twenty-five, and he thought he could get more.

After electing Mr. Chris. Manning, a member of the committee to succeed Mr. A. T. Griffith, resigned, the body adjourned until May 16th.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

Missions in History. The Foreign Mission year of the Southern Presbyterian Church closed March 31st, and the report shows the largest contributions ever given. The whole amount received was \$260,000 in round numbers, making an average of \$1.05 for every member of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The mission boat, for mission work on the Congo River, has been built at a cost of \$25,000 in Renfrew, Scotland. The mission for the work was contributed by the children of the South.

The boat has been shipped by steamer to Matadi, at the mouth of the Congo, the freight being \$12,000. From there it must be carried two hundred and fifty miles up the river by railroad to Leopoldville, for which transportation the freight charges will be \$1,200, owing to the exorbitant prices imposed by the authorities, who insist that no missionaries be sent to the country. No better commentary can be found on the mismanagement of King Leopold, of Belgium.

The boat will be in charge of Mr. L. C. Vase, a Presbyterian missionary, and will traverse about 1,000 miles of the Congo River above Leopoldville.

GET BAD SCARE. Bricks Fell Like Hail While Pedestrians Run for Shelter.

Pedestrians in the neighborhood of Eighteenth and Broad Streets yesterday afternoon had to run for their lives, when a hailstorm of old bricks fell clattering on the pavement, from the roof of an old house. There were rubberneck skywards for half an hour afterwards, and faces blanched as they gazed expectantly at a toppling chimney.

"Baker alive, it is de earthquake," cried a scared dorky as he turned and skeddaddled down Eighteenth Street. Others shared his terror, and for a time it seemed as if the San Francisco horror was about to be repeated. But the storm of an approaching policeman instilled courage in the hearts of the scared ones.

LOSES WEARING APPAREL. Louis Stevens Awakes to Find Clothing Gone.

Louis Stevens, a negro living at 210 East Main Street, appeared at the First Station yesterday afternoon with a long face and declared that his home had been broken into early in the morning and a number of articles of wearing apparel stolen therefrom by parties unknown. He gave the following list of articles stolen: A dress, made of yarn, \$10.00

A Stetson hat, \$5.00

Fair tan shoes, \$5.00

The matter was reported to detective headquarters, and the police are now on the lookout for the trespassers, while Louis slept.

Fire in Barton Heights. There was a little excitement in Barton Heights early Sunday morning when a window curtain in the home of Mrs. C. R. Kuyk, 518 Montclair Avenue, caught fire and spread for a while to burn the whole dwelling to the ground. The opportune arrival of the fire department aided by the buckets in the hands of neighbors, soon had the blaze under control, and the fire was finally extinguished with but a small loss, which is fully covered by insurance.

FAIR STOCKHOLDERS. Will Meet To-morrow Night to Effect Permanent Organization.

The stockholders of the Virginia State Fair Association will meet at Murphy's Duke room to-morrow night for the purpose of disposing of many important matters.

Among them will be the question of perfecting a permanent organization. Chairman Henry C. Stuart will preside, and it is earnestly hoped that all the stockholders shall attend.

Ministers Commend Police. The Methodist Ministers at their weekly meeting yesterday unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the Methodist preachers meeting of Richmond, Manchester and vicinity, That we heartily commend the Chief of Police and his department and the Commonwealth's Attorney in their efforts to break up the so-called "social clubs" of the city; and that we heartily commend the police in their efforts to break up the same.

Similar resolutions endorsing the action of Judge Witt were passed by the ministers' meeting of the Disciples of Christ.

Dr. Whittitt to Preach. In the absence of Pastor George W. McDaniel, who goes this week to the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., the pulpit of the First Baptist Church will be filled next Sunday morning by the Rev. Dr. William Heth Whitsett, of Richmond College. At night the (Rev. Dr. William E. Evans, of Monumental Episcopal Church, will preach the annual sermon before the Woman's Guild.

STEAMSHIP COMPANY CASE IS CONTINUED

West Virginia Case is Called in United States Court To-day.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday at 12 o'clock. Circuit Judges Goff and Pritchard and District Judge Waddill composing the court.

Only one case argued: No. 655. Louise B. Patterson, plaintiff in error, vs. Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Baltimore, et al., defendants in error. In error to the Circuit Court of the United States at Baltimore, Md. Argued by John C. Gittings, of Washington, D. C., for the plaintiff in error, and by Frank Gosnell, of Baltimore, Md., for the defendant in error and submitted.

Continued until November term.

No. 652. Woens Steamship Company, appellant, vs. People's Steamship Company, Circuit Court at Richmond. Continued on motion of the appellant until the November term.

No. 656. L. G. Robinson, et al., appellants, vs. A. E. Brast, et al., appellees. Appeal from the Circuit Court at Parkersburg, W. Va. To be argued by Dave D. Burk, W. Va., for the appellants, and by R. E. Hornor, of Parkersburg, W. Va., Thomas B. Jacobs and S. Bruce Hall, of New Martinsville, W. Va., for the appellees.

John C. Gittings, of Washington, was admitted to practice in the court.

FORMATION OF OAKWOOD PARADE

Chief Marshall Gordon Issues General Orders Announcing Aides and Line of March.

PROCESSION TO BE IMPOSING

Ladies of Memorial Association, Military Veterans and Citizens in Line.

Chief